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1. CAREFUL REVIEW OF RFE POLISH PROGRAMS BROADCAST IN RECENT MONTHS HAS PRODUCED NO REPEAT NO PROGRAM ENTITLED "HOW TO CHANGE THE SYSTEM IN POLAND." PZPR CC SECRETARY FRELEK COULD CONCEIVABLY, HOWEVER, HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO PROGRAM ENTITLED "THE CHANCES OF DEMOCRATIZATION IN POLAND," WHICH WAS BROADCAST MARCH 23. THIS PROGRAM, WRITTEN BY A. GRABOWSKA, IS SUMMARIZED IN PARAS 2, 3 AND 4 OF THIS MESSAGE.

2. PROGRAM BEGINS BY REFERRING TO GIEREK'S STATEMENT AT KATOWICE THAT "DEMOCRACY HAS TO BE LEARNED," AND POINTS TO "SOME AREAS" IN WHICH POLAND, WHICH IS CHARACTERIZED AS "COUNTRY RULED IN AN AUTOCRATIC WAY BY ONE PARTY" MIGHT, TO LIMITED EXTENT, ALLOW THE PEOPLE TO INFLUENCE THE NATION'S POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE.

3. SPECIFIC AREAS FOR POSSIBLE DEMOCRATIZATION CITED IN
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PROGRAM ARE:

(A) IMPROVING THE REPRESENTATIVE CHARACTER OF ELECTED MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT. PROGRAM ASKES WHETHER POLISH SYSTEM CANNOT REPEAT NOT AFFORD TO ALLOW THE PEOPLE A LITTLE MORE FREEDOM IN ELECTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SEJM, THE NATIONAL COUNCILS, AND TRADE UNIONS.

(B) PROVIDING AN OPEN FORUM FOR YOUTH. AFTER REFERRING TO THE "NARROW FRAMEWORK OF THE CONFORMISTS FEDERATION OF YOUTH UNIONS," PROGRAM ASKS IF IT WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE BETTER TO ALLOW YOUNG PEOPLE TO SPEAK FREELY, IF ONLY IN LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

(C) CENSORSHIP. PROGRAM CALLS FOR ABOLITION OF CENSORSHIP IN ACADEMIC PUBLICATION AND APPLICATION OF PRESS STATUTE TO INFORM MEDIA. IT ALSO CALLS FOR STATUTE WHICH WOULD CLEARLY DEFINE LIMITS OF CENSORS AND DRAW UP RULES OF APPEAL AGAINST THEIR DECISIONS.

(D) MISCELLANEOUS. OTHER AREAS CITED FOR IMPROVEMENT INCLUDE GIVING THE CATHOLICS ACCESS TO INFORMATION MEDIA AND ABOLITION, OR PLACING OF STRICT LIMITATIONS ON "NOMENCLATURE SYSTEM." THE NOMENCLATURE SYSTEM IS PRACTICE OF RESERVING MORE IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT POSITIONS FOR MEMBERS OF COMMUNIST PARTY AND/OR APPROVAL OF ALL GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS BY PARTY AUTHORITIES.

4. IN CONCLUSION, PROGRAM ASSERTSTHAT POLISH DEMOCRATS HAVE ANSWERED IN AFFIRMATIVE THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE ABOVE "POSTULATES" CAN BE REALIZED IN "THE CONDITIONS OF A COMMUNIST REGIME DEPENDENT ON RUSSIA."

5. IF DEPARTMENT OR EMBASSY WARSAW ABLE TO PROVIDE MORE CONCRETE INFORMATION ABOUT SCRIPT FRELEK MENTIONED TO AMBASSADOR DAVIES, CONGEN AND RFE WILL HAVE ANOTHER GO AT SEARCHING FOR IT.

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